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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel

SUBJECT : Interview with [] NSC Detailee, and Staff
Member of the House Select Committee on Intelligence

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1. On 25 August 1975, I accompanied [] to her 45 minute interview with Ms. Emily Scekotoff, staff member of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. Also present were Mrs. Jeanne Davis, Staff Secretary to the National Security Council and [] immediate supervisor, and [] who was serving as CIA's "counselor" to five other interviewees that afternoon.

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2. For the first time in my experience, the door to the Committee room was guarded and we were requested to sign in. Then, after we were seated in the conference room, a gentleman appeared in the doorway and said to [] "I am Mr. Donner. The only reason I am here is because I am Counsel and must swear you in". He proceeded to obtain [] oath that she would "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth", and then departed. A court reporter took verbatim record of the entire interview on a stenotype machine.

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3. Unlike other interviews I attended, there was no preamble - i.e., Ms. Scekotoff did not brief [] on the purpose of the interview or mention informality as she had before. The list of questions was longer, with added concentration on [] NSC duties and responsibilities. She was also asked to identify more individuals, many of them detailees from other Government agencies. When asked where she had been assigned prior to detail to NSC, [] disclosed that she had been detailed to the Correspondence Section in the (then) Vice President's office from October 1970 to January 1971. I interjected that [] had entered on duty without full clearance, was detailed to the White House to perform unclassified work while the background investigation was being run, returned to the Temporary Assignment Staff when she was fully cleared, and then had been offered the opportunity for detail to NSC.

4. In one sense, this interview was the smoothest I attended in that Ms. Scekotoff was better prepared and her questions followed in fairly logical sequence. The only real surprises were the administration of the oath and

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presence of the court reporter both of which [redacted] later admitted she found un-nerving. Fortunately, she gave the impression of being quite composed and handled herself well.

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